

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12 November 2008**

From: Councillor Newton Wood

Ward Member: ALL

Subject: ANALYSIS OF 2008 CPA

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Following initial consideration of the Chair's analysis of the Council's CPA report (minute 29), further analysis was considered at the August and September meetings of the Committee (minutes 41 and 50). This report is designed to update members, and Teesdale's County Councillors, on progress made in collating evidence to address those areas of concern highlighted by the Audit Commission following the Council's CPA inspection earlier this year.

1.2 County Councillors have been involved in previous discussions (minute 41) and it is the intention to request them to take forward some of those areas of concern to the new unitary authority.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

2.1.1 the report be noted.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: Improving Together Programme

3.2 Ambition: Provide accessible, quality services; Be effective community leaders; Have well managed and efficient use of our resources; Improve the Council's reputation; and Have effective partnerships delivering the requirements of the community.

3.3 Outcome: Leading our communities, listen to and acting on their needs, shaping the places they live and providing feedback; having high quality, accessible services, taking account of the needs of everyone.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 As noted in paragraph 1.1. above, the Committee has previously considered a number of analysis reports relating to the Council's CPA inspection and areas of improvement have been highlighted, a number of which were identified as being of high priority. The Committee previously agreed (minute 50) that Panel Chairs would seek to meet with Lead Members to facilitate discussion and focus on improvement.

- 4.2 Discussions with Lead Members will enable an evaluation of each item to take place, enabling a decision to be made as to how, or indeed if, items should be dealt with – by the relevant panel, County Councillor or the Executive Committee. It could be that members decide to take no action in relation to certain items.
- 4.3 This analysis is underway and will be examined by the Audit Commission when they visit the Council in December. It is hoped that the majority of the work will be completed by then, assuming that the Committee agrees the course of action outlined in paragraph 4.2 above.
- 4.4 There may be a need to arrange a special meeting of the Committee towards the end of November to keep members up to date on progress made through the collation of evidence.

5.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications: None

5.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications
Reviews may not be completed	Reputation	The Overview and Scrutiny process loses credibility

- 5.3 Equality and Diversity: Overview and Scrutiny has a role in ensuring the Council's compliance with equality and diversity requirements.
- 5.4 Human Resources: None
- 5.5 Community Safety: As 5.3 above
- 5.6 Legal Issues: Overview and Scrutiny is a statutory function defined by Local Government Act 2000.

Background papers:

1. Analysis of 2008 CPA, The Scale of Things

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